

REMARKS

The present invention is directed to a new class of chromene and quinoline derivatives and to their use as androgen modulators. In order to place the case in condition for allowance claims 1 and 18 were amended and claims 14 and 15 were canceled. The dependency of claims 4-9 was amended. Minor typographical errors were also corrected.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 112

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Claim 18 was rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112. Claim 18 has been amended as suggested. The phrase "article of manufacture" has been replaced by the term "kit" as suggested. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of this amendment.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102


Claims 1 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102 in view of Badran, Ibrahim, Abdel-Bary, Mandouir, Ismail, and Ayoub. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the amendment to claim 1. A proviso was added to claim 1 to distinguish its scope from the references cited by the USPTO. Claim 1 now specifies that if M is represented by oxygen, the R¹ must be trifluoromethyl. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at page 10, line 16, thru page 11, line 4

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 and 16-18 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration is requested. If the USPTO feels that further amendments are required to place the case in condition of allowance, the undersigned invites a phone call to discuss any such proposed amendment.

The USPTO is also authorized to debit or credit deposit account number 23-0455 for any fees that may be associated with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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